

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10-18, and 20-22 are pending in this application.

The Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated June 23, 2006 stated that the Substitute Specification submitted with the Amendment filed May 6, 2006 was not entered, as a separate statement that no new matter is added by the Substitute Specification was not included in the Amendment. Also, a summary of the interview conducted April 18, 2006 was not included in the Amendment.

With regard to the Substitute Specification, clean and marked up copies of the substitute specification submitted with the Amendment filed May 6, 2006 are included herewith. No new matter is added by this Substitute Specification.

Applicants and Applicants' representatives thank Examiner Binda for the courtesy of the interview granted to Applicants' representatives on April 18, 2006. During the interview, the objections to the specification and drawings and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 were discussed, as well as differences between the claims and the cited art. Examiner Binda agreed to reconsider the objections and rejections of record after formal submission of a response.

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Consequently, in view of the present response, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance.

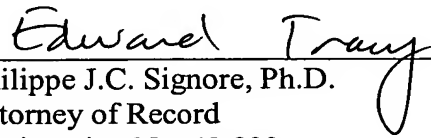
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